(a) whether Gujarat Control of Organized Crime Bill, 2003 has been examined from all the angles;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government is taking concrete and decisive steps for approval of the Bill keeping in view the recent serial bomb blasts in Ahmedabad and un-blown bombs placed all over Surat and also the serious concern expressed by the Chief Minister of Gujarat in the meeting with Prime Minister held in Delhi on 29th August, 2008;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(g) the time by when the Bill will be finalized and approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RADHIKA V. SELVI): (a) to (g) The Gujarat Control of Organised Crime Bill, 2003, reserved by the Governor for consideration of the President, has been under examination by the Government of India in the light of the angles of conflict with any Central law, the policy of the Central Government and other legal and Constitutional angles. It is expected that a final view in the matter would be taken in the near future.

Committee set up in the IB after Jaipur blasts

570. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA:
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Committee was set up in the Intelligence Bureau after the Jaipur blasts to enhance the funding for State level Central Intelligence gathering operation as well as a scheme for setting up of separate intelligence cadres in States vulnerable to acts of terrors; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (b) As part of an ongoing exercise to strengthen the intelligence machinery, several discussions have been held at various levels to strengthen and upgrade the capabilities of intelligence agencies both at the Central level and the State level, as well as to enhance information sharing and operational coordination between the Central agencies and the State Governments.

The Central Government has been giving assistance to the State governments for modernization and upgradation of the State Police Forces under the Scheme for modernization of State Police Forces (MPF), including the State intelligence machinery. The matter of giving more focused attention to the strengthening of the Intelligence machinery in the States, has been under the consideration of the Central Government, and it has been decided to launch a separate MPF. A Committee, comprising representatives of some State Governments, to be coordinated by the Intelligence Bureau, has been set up to work out the parameters for the proposed Scheme.